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Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing Internet E-mail and Fax Service Now Available

I am pleased to announce that The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, is now offering an alternative way for you to receive bankruptcy notices from the court. You may now choose to receive overnight bankruptcy notices via Internet e-mail or transmitted as a fax to your office. Electronic noticing will provide notices days faster than the U.S. Mail.

Should you elect the Internet e-mail alternative, your e-mail provider must be able to provide an electronic acknowledgment of receipt indicating that the electronic notice was delivered to the intended electronic mailbox. One form of electronic acknowledgment used by some providers is the *Delivery Service Notification* (DSN) standard. However, some other electronic acknowledgment formats are also supported. The notice will be attached to the message as a file in Adobe's Portable Document Format (PDF). A free PDF reader plug-in is available from Adobe's web site.

Please visit the Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing web page at www.EBNuscourts.com for detailed information about this new free electronic noticing service including a list of known DSN compliant e-mail providers, the *Electronic Noticing Implementation Guide* and *Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing Questions and Answers*. To initiate this service, an *Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing Agreement* must be signed and returned to the Bankruptcy Noticing Center.

Your participation in the free electronic bankruptcy noticing program is encouraged since we believe it will offer many benefits to you and the court. If you choose not to participate, you will continue to receive printed bankruptcy notices in the mail, just as you do now.

For complete electronic noticing information, visit the electronic noticing web page at www.EBNuscourts.com or call the Bankruptcy Noticing Center toll-free at **1-877-837-3424** for free technical support. Also, do not hesitate to contact the Clerk's Office's Electronic Noticing Coordinator, Mrs. Gina Bradley at 918-699-4028 or email: gina_bradley@oknb.uscourts.gov.

Sincerely,



Michael Williams, Clerk
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What is the BNC?

The Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) was established by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AOUSC) to meet the challenge of preparing and serving bankruptcy notices in a timely and cost-effective manner. BAE Systems developed and currently operates the BNC under a contract with the AOUSC. The BNC uses advanced systems technology to provide an efficient centralized process for preparing, producing, and sending (via mail or electronic transmission) bankruptcy notices. At data center facilities in Reston, Virginia, the BNC retrieves case data each day from all the courts through electronic polling and paper. This information is entered into a customized database where all of the notice and case data are formed into images that can be printed and mailed, or electronically transmitted, to recipients. The BNC processes approximately 300,000 bankruptcy notices per day.

What is EBN?

The United States Bankruptcy Courts, and the BNC in conjunction with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, are now offering a new way for the bankruptcy community to receive notices from the bankruptcy courts electronically. Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing, or EBN, is a free service that allows bankruptcy notice information to be transmitted electronically to those who request it. In lieu of paper notices, EBN allows you to choose to receive bankruptcy notice data in one of three ways:

- Internet E-Mail - For recipients who want the speed and convenience of receiving notices on line.
- Fax - For recipients who don't want to set up an Internet E-Mail account, but want to eliminate mail pieces.
- EDI - For high-volume recipients (200 or more notices per week) who want to automatically process data using computer database to computer database transfers.

Benefits of EBN

Participation in the free Electronic Bankruptcy Noticing service can offer many benefits. EBN technology is operated by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center (BNC) to provide enhanced service to the bankruptcy community. In lieu of paper notices, Bankruptcy noticing data can now be Faxed, or E-Mailed allowing desktop display of the entire notice for easy reading or printing. All notice types that are transmitted electronically to the BNC from the courts can be E-Mailed or Faxed to you. Electronic bankruptcy notices are delivered days faster than the U.S. Mail if you have a PC with Internet connection or a Fax machine.

Requesting EBN Service

Bankruptcy Rule 9036, which authorizes electronic noticing, requires recipients to request electronic noticing services in writing. Creditors wishing to take advantage of electronic noticing must sign a **Noticing Agreement** with the court to ensure understanding of the EBN process and roles of the parties.